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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MO

SUBJECT: MOROCCO: FY77 FMS FINANCING

REFS: A). RABAT 3036 DTG 021728Z JUN 77
B). RABAT 2788 DTG 231049Z MAY 77
C). ANDERSON TO GELB LETTER OF APR 22, 1977
D). RABAT 2142 DTG 201059Z APR 77
E). RABAT 0540 DTG 281539Z JAN 77
F). RABAT 0874 DTG 161739Z FEB 77
G). RABAT 3480 DTG 241555Z JUN 77
H). RABAT 3483 DTG 241622Z JUN 77

1. REFS G&H INDICATE GOM WANTS TO BUY SIX HEAVY LIFT HELI-
COPTERS (EITHER CH-47S OR CH-53S) WITH CREDIT FINANCING.

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WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SALE, BUT NEED EARLY GOM DECISION
ON WHICH MODEL SO WE CAN BEGIN PROCESSING FMS CASE. CASE
WILL HAVE TO BE REPORTED TO CONGRESS AND WILL REQUIRE
PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST MODEL DESIRED,
CONFIRMATION OF QUANTITY, ETC.

2. NOW THAT GOM (WITH HEAVY LIFT HELICOPTERS) HAS COM-

PLETED LIST OF HOW IT INTENDS TO USE FY77 CREDIT FINANCING,
WE HAVE BEGUN PROCESSING PAPERWORK CONNECTED WITH FY77
CREDIT AGREEMENT. WE APPRECIATE URGENCY GOM ATTACHED TO

CONSUMMATING FY77 AGREEMENT (REFS); HOWEVER BEFORE
MOROCCAN AND NUMBER OF OTHER FMS FINANCING PROGRAMS MAY BE
IMPLEMENTED, PRESIDENT MUST WAIVE SECTION 33(A) OF ARMS
EXPORT CONTROL ACT, WHICH IMPOSES \$40 MILLION CEILING ON
TOTAL OF GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND FMS FINANCING TO
AFRICAN COUNTRIES. EXCLUSIVE OF IMET TRAINING. DEPART-
MENT HAS PREPARED DOCUMENTATION FOR PRESIDENTIAL CON-
SIDERATION, BUT WE CANNOT PROJECT WHEN PRESIDENT WILL TAKE
ACTION.

3. REF H NOTES GOM WANTS TO BUY 12 A-10 AIRCRAFT BUT IS
RELUCTANT TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST LEST IT BE REBUFFED.
REF D SKEPTICISM OF COL KABBAJ ABOUT USG RESPONSE ALSO
INDICATES GOM EXPECTING USG TO DENY SALE. THERE IS NO
DOUBT USG WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN APPROVING SALE OF A-10
AIRCRAFT TO MOROCCO; IN FACT IT HAS NOT BEEN SOLD TO ANY
FOREIGN COUNTRY. A FORMAL GOM REQUEST TO BUY A-10S
WOULD REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL AND WOULD HAVE TO BE
EVALUATED IN TERMS OF PRESIDENT'S NEW ARMS TRANSFER POLICY,
WHICH PROVIDES THAT USG WILL NOT BE FIRST SUPPLIER TO
INTORDUCE INTO A REGION, NEWLY DEVELOPED, ADVANCED WEAPON
SYSTEMS WHICH COULD CREATE NEW OR SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER
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COMBAT CAPABILITY.

4. BEFORE CONSIDERING GOM INTEREST IN A-10 FURTHER,
REQUEST EMBASSY EVALUATION OF GOM ESTIMATE OF THREAT A-10
WOULD BE USED TO COUNTER, WHETHER NEED COULD BE SATISFIED
IN SOME OTHER FASHION, HOW SUCH SALE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO
U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS, AND CONSEQUENCES FOR
USG-GOM BILATERAL RELATIONS OF DECISION NOT REPEAT NOT TO
APPROVE SALE. CHRISTOPHER

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